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TAGS: SCUL, PORS, CGEN

SUBJ: ARTICLE IN BASUMATI ON ISKCON

1. BENGALI LANGUAGE DAILY BASUMATI WHICH IS RUN BY
THE GOWB (IT WAS TAKEN OVER SEVERAL YEARS BACK AS A
"SICK ENTERPRISE") CARRIES A FEATURE STORY ON ITS
EDITORIAL PAGE SEP 7 HEADLINED "WHO ARE THESE FOREIGN
VAISHNAVAS? AN INTERNATIONALHUPY-GANG IS ABOUT TO BE
UNMASKED."

2. ARTICLE, WHICH FILLS FIVE DOUBLE SPACED PAGES IN
TRANSLATION, IS MAINLY INNUENDO. IT NOTES THAT ISKCON
WAS ESTABLISHED IN NEW YORK, HAS ITS MAIN OFFICE IN
LOS ANGELES, THAT "THERE IS NOT A SINGLE INDIAN AMONG
THE (ISKCON) OPERATIVES WHO ARE WORKING ALL OVER
INDIA," AND THAT THE SOCIETY APPARENTLY HAS AMPLE
FUNDS AND HIGH LEVEL SYMPATHIZERS, EVEN IN THE GOI.

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ARTICLE SAYS THE SOCIETY HAS FOUNDED A POLITICAL

PARTY IN THE US AND IS THINKING OF DOING THE SAME IN
WEST BENGALGNV AND ALLEGES THAT SOCIETY'S CALCUTTA
OFFICE CHIEF GREGORY SCHARF HAS BOASTED THAT "WE HAVE
NOW SURPASSED EVEN THE BRITISH EMPIRE." IT CLOSES. "IN
FACT, THE FACE OF AN INTERNATIONAL GANG OF SPIES,
HIDDEN BEHIND A MASK OF GODMADNESS IS BEING GRADUALLY
REVEALED."

3. COPY OF FULL TRANSLATION BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY-
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